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 Examiner: K. Katcheves  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 p.);
2. A Petition For Two-Month Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.126(a) with authorization to Charge Deposit Account No. 18-0582 (2 pp.); and
3. An Amendment After Final Office Action (27 pp.).

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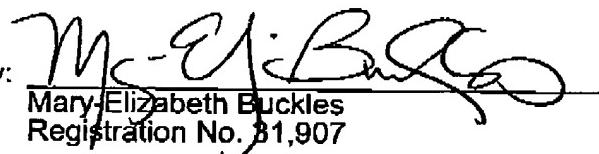
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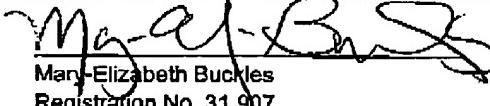
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>			Docket Number (Optional) 99-006-Div	
Application Number 10/651,207	Filing Date August 29, 2003	Examiner K. Katcheves	Group Art Unit 1636	
Invention Title <b>CELLS ENGINEERED TO CONTAIN GENES OF INTEREST</b>				
<b>TO THE DIRECTOR - U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b> Transmitted herewith is an amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional claim fee is required.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fee has been calculated as shown below:</li> </ul>				
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